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Subject: Fw: SAB Please help

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Subject: SAB Please help

I ask that SAB please step up to inform and better support fishermen in this potential agreement with the AC. You, more than most, understand what is going on, because you have been at the 3 meeting where this issue was brought forward to SAB. The facts change meeting to meeting and the information is inconsistent, inaccurate and misleading much of the time. Regardless of what you personally think, you KNOW that fishermen are confused, if aware at all, and that your votes do not represent us. When you vote or speak out about this, (or anything) you represent only the the Board, Nancy Civetta and whatever devoted few remain there or on the zoom by the time the meeting ends.

The SAB is then used as evidence of the claim that "extensive outreach" has been made to the shellfishing community . **This is not true.**

In meetings it is claimed that Nancy and Tom have been "reaching out to fishermen" . Speaking to selected fishermen individually, especially while they are working the tide, is an inefficient and quite possibly an erroneous way to achieve "extensive outreach" . Who are they selecting to speak to, and what are they saying ? This is not clear or systematic . It is hearsay.

What is the information shared and when is it shared (before or after changes are made):
Have they shared that we are mitigating 14 or 28 acres?

The area is prohibited or not prohibited area? The area will be wild fished , recreationally fished, residentially fished, fished every 3 years for a week? every 3 years for a weekend? NOT AT ALL? All of these have been changed back and forth meeting to meeting.

The effective ways to reach fishermen, and many other citizens have not been utilized.

The SAB could put in writing and send out an email to all fishermen with all of the information.

SAB could **ADVISE** the Constable to do the same.

The WSD website could have had, and can still have, this issue and the upcoming meetings that pertain to this issue, front and center (rather than the ongoing front page with recreational permit information) . I imagine many non fishermen go to that website which is of added importance.

SAB could have held and can still hold a meeting about this issue and get consistent information and word out about upcoming meetings well in advance.

These suggestions are obvious, and that they have not been utilized is also obvious. The fact that fishermen are afraid to speak out even if they have correct information is understandable.

While I respect and appreciate your willingness to devote huge amounts of time (time I do not devote) to be on this Board, I hope you recognize that by operating in the ways that you have you are doing shell fishermen, and the town, a disservice.

I ask that you take over your own agenda and announcements, stop taking votes and/or allowing them to be portrayed as the voice of shell fishermen. I ask that you utilize the above suggestions.

Thank you for all that you do .
Respectfully,

Diane